

To: Minturn Town Council  
From: Michelle Metteer  
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RE: Town Manager Update

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### **License Plate Reader Proposal**

The Eagle County Sheriff's Office has provided materials for the consideration of purchasing and installing license plate readers (LPRs) within the Minturn town boundaries. The proposal and supporting informational materials are included with this report. License plate readers are already being utilized in Gypsum, Avon, and Vail. The goal is for the regional, state and federal law enforcement teams to be able to collaborate on solving crimes. Town staff seeks the Council's feedback on your support or opposition to the purchase of these devices.

### **Downtown Water Tank Holiday Lights Update**

Staff continue to explore ways to utilize solar power for the holiday lights at the downtown water tank. The lights work if they are plugged into an electrical power source but have yet to properly function via the solar option which is preferred.

### **Main Street Phase II Sidewalks**

The team is working toward grant opportunities for the completion of the Main Street Phase II Sidewalk project, however all CDOT grants are estimating an 18-month grant contract approval process and therefore will not fit into the current construction schedule for Minturn's Spring 2025 construction period. We will continue to look for opportunities, but any additional sidewalk construction will most likely come via a future construction period.

### **Dolores Bridge Truss Opportunity Investigation**

Staff have submitted to the Colorado Bridge Replacement and Historic Preservation programs our interest to further investigate the reuse of the Dolores bridge in the current Bellm Bridge location. It is unknown if this will be a viable alternative, however it remains worth investigating. We remain hopeful the grant committee also sees this as a benefit worth funding.

### **Minturn Seniors Lunch & Bingo**

Our office staff visited the Minturn Seniors Lunch on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Vail Ski and Snowboard Academy. Thirteen rounds of bingo were played, a lovely lunch was served and then cake was enjoyed by all for a birthday celebration. Council members are encouraged to schedule time at an upcoming senior's lunch as the experience is invaluable.

### **DOLA Grant – Retaining Wall Repairs/Playground Equipment Match**

The request has been submitted to match the retaining wall repair funds with funds to replace the playground equipment. Once the Town receives this approval, staff will coordinate a community feedback session on the kind of playground equipment Minturn youth would like to have installed. More to come.

### **Railroad Ave Pedestrian Safety Improvements**

With the PUC approval for the Railroad Ave Pedestrian improvements, staff will create the RFP and plan to go to Ad by mid-winter in preparation for a spring construction start date.

### **Taylor St Neighborhood Meeting**

Inter-Mountain Engineering has completed the survey work for Taylor Street. With this in hand, staff would like to hold a neighborhood meeting with Taylor Street residents, preferable on-site if weather



permits, to review the feedback received during the last Taylor St paving discussion. We would like to correlate the feedback received with the surveyed topography and on-site inspections to ensure we're making as many needed improvements as the budget will allow. More information to follow about a date/time for the neighborhood meeting.

#### **Community Energy Efficiency Program**

Minturn supports the Community Energy Efficiency Program operated by Walking Mountains Science Center. Currently, the Town pays \$2500 annually administratively to manage the program and market the rebates for Minturn residents. Attached is a copy of the program use and costs to date. As you will see, Minturn is paying more in program administration costs than toward providing residents with rebates. With this in mind, Minturn will bring the administration of the community rebates offered in-house so as to save the \$2500 annual cost but still allow for the full use of the program by Minturn residents.